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SUBJECT: ELF AND EPLF SIGN ANOTHER AGREEMENT IN KHARTOUM

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1. SUNA REPORTS ERITREAN PEOPLE'S LIBERATION FRONT (EPLF)
AND ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT (REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL) (ELF)
SIGNED IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT AT HEADQUARTERS OF SUDAN
SOCIALIST UNION MARCH 18 IN PRESENCE OF VICE PRESIDENT
ABUL GASSIM MOHAMED IBRAHIM, SSU SECRETARY-GENERAL.
SIGNATORIES FOR EPLF WERE ISAIAS AFEWORK, EPLF LEADER,
IBRAHIM KAFA, BUTURS SOLOMON AND AHMED TAHIR. SIGNING
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FOR ELF WERE IBRAHIM TOTEIL, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE, TESFA MARIAM, ABDALLA IDRIS AND AHMED KALU.
DOCUMENT CALLS FOR FULL INDEPENDENCE FOR ERITREA, OPPOSES
ETHIOPIAN COLONIALISM, INTERNATIONAL ZIONISM, DOMESTIC
REACTION AND FOREIGN INTERVENTION, AND CALLS FOR ALLIANCE
OF ERITREA WITH WOLRD PROGRESSIVE FORCES AND LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS.

2. SUBSTANTIVE PART OF AGREEMENT CALLS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT POLITICAL LEADERSHIP COMPOSED OF SIX MEMBERS FROM BOTH FRONTS WHICH WILL SUPERVISE EXECUTION OF RESOLUTIONS AGREED UPON BY LEADERSHIPS OF TWO ORGANIZATIONS AND "WILL REPRESENT ORGANIZATION IN ANY TALKS WITH ETHIOPIA." DOCUMENT ALSO STIPULATES FORMATION OF JOINT MILITARY, INFORMATION, FOREIGN, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEES. JOINT COMMITTEE WILL ALSO BE FORMED "TO STUDY POSSIBILITY OF CONVENING UNIFICATION CONFERENCE WITH SIX MONTHS." ALL ERITREANS ARE CALLED UPON TO JOIN EITHER ELF OR EPLF. ALMOST HALF OF LENGTHY ACCOUNT IN SUNA CONSISTS OF CONGRATULATORY DECLARATIONS BY PRINCIPALS. END UNCLASSIFIED

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3. COMMENT: CAREFUL READING OF EARNEST PRESS RELEASE SHOWS LITTLE PROGRESS TOWARDS ERITREAN UNITY. BASIC AGREEMENT IS TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS TOWARDS MORE SUBSTANTIVE AGREEMENT. INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY FROM OTHER SOURCES

INDICATES ELF-EPLF NEGOTIATIONS THIS MONTH HAVE BEEN ANOTHER FIASCO. SUDANGOV CONTINUES TO DISPLAY INGENUITY AND PERSISTENCE IN PUTTING BEST LIGHT ON ERITREAN UNITY. ONE PRINCIPAL SUDANESE OBJECTIVE IS BETRAYED IN SANGUINE STATEMENT THAT JOINT POLITICAL LEADERSHIP WILL NEGOTIATE
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WITH ETHIOPIANS IF SUCH NEGOTIATIONS COME ABOUT. STILL, PRESENCE OF ABUL GASSIM AT SIGNING CEREMONY OF DOCUMENT CALLING FOR ERITREAN INDEPENDENCE, WE ASSUME, WILL RANKLE EPMG AND WE WONDER WHETHER THIS WILL DOOM HIS VISIT TO ADDIS ABABA SCHEDULED FOR LATER THIS MONTH. (SEPTEL).
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